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In re the Application of) Examiner: Sheela Jitendra HUFF
Paul Sudhir et al.) Art Unit: 1642
Serial No.: 09/862,849) Response to Paper No. 6
Filed: May 22, 2001)
For: "Methods for Identifying)
Inducers and Inhibitors)
of Proteolytic)
Antibodies, Compositions)
and Their Uses")

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby traverse the requirement for restriction set forth in the Official Action dated July 24, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner contended that the originally filed claims were directed to three (3) distinct inventions. These are as follows:

Group I, claims 1-5 and 11, drawn to method of treating a patient by administering CRAA;

Group II, claims 6, 8, 12, and 13, drawn to a method of stimulating catalytic antibody production; and

Group III, claims 7 and 9-10, drawn to catalytic antibodies and methods of use.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II for consideration in this application, which includes Claims 6, 8, 12, and 13, drawn to a method of stimulating catalytic antibody production.

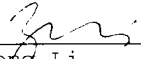
The foregoing election is without prejudice to Applicant's right to file one or more continuing applications, as provided in 35 U.S.C. §121, on the subject matter of any claims

finally held withdrawn from consideration in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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